



SLENDER GLASSWORT
Salicornia europaea

Located in coastal salt marshes and (rarely) inland salt and alkali marshes throughout the Division. Also known as Samphire and Chicken-claws.

An erect or sprawling annual growing 5 to 40 cm high. The fleshy, leafless and jointed green branches may turn yellow, orange or red in autumn; 1 to 10 cm long and 1.5-3 mm diameter. Joints normally longer than branch diameter. The greenish flowers are recessed in a hollow of the upper joints from August through November.

The stems serve as food for Canada and snow geese; seed bearing stem tips eaten in fall by ducks (gadwall, pintail, scaup).



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